

TOWN OF WHITESTOWN, INDIANA

APPLICATION FOR PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX ABATEMENT

Instructions and Procedures

Indiana state law requires that this application for personal property tax abatement and statement of benefits form (SB-1/PP) be submitted to the Town of Whitestown, Indiana (the “Town”) prior to the initiation of the project. Additionally, final approval of the application must be obtained from the Town before starting the installation of the new manufacturing equipment, research and development equipment, logistical distribution equipment and/or information technology equipment, for which tax abatement is being requested.

The completed application, including all attachments and forms, and fees should be submitted to:

**Town of Whitestown
Attn: Mr. Dax Norton, Town Manager
6210 Veterans Drive
Room 500
Whitestown, Indiana 46075
Office: (317)732-4530
Mobile: (317)495-5864
E-Mail: dnorton@whitestown.in.gov**

Prior to submitting the attached application to the Town, all questions must be answered as completely as possible and must be signed on the Statement of Benefits Form (SB-1/PP) and the last page of the application. Incomplete or unsigned applications will not be accepted as official filings. All applicants are encouraged to discuss the proposed project and tax abatement request with the Town Manager and/or the Presidents of the Whitestown Redevelopment Commission and Whitestown Town Council prior to filing their application.

Fees

A \$2,000 non-refundable application fee is required when making an application for real property tax abatement and is payable to the “Town of Whitestown” 30 days following the approval of the abatement (the “Application Fee”). In addition, if the applicant is submitting an application for a personal property tax abatement that does not conform with the traditional tax abatement schedule (a “Modified Abatement Schedule”), the applicant may be required to pay an additional fee (the “Modified Abatement Application Fee”). The amount of the Modified Abatement Application Fee will be determined by the Town in its sole discretion based upon all of the facts and circumstances (including the proposed Modified Abatement Schedule). Payment of the Modified Abatement Application Fee shall be made within 30 days of notification in

writing by Whitestown to the Applicant of the amount of such Modified Abatement Application Fee.

All companies requesting personal property tax abatement will be required to execute a Memorandum of Understanding with the Town prior to consideration of the tax abatement request, the form of which memorandum is included with this application.

Any requests for additional information or questions should be directed to the following:

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Town of Whitestown, Indiana
Personal Property Tax Abatement Application
Project Questionnaire

1. Name of the company for which personal property tax abatement is being requested: _____

2. State the name, title, address, telephone number and e-mail address of a company representative who may be contacted concerning this application:

Name and Title: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

3. State the name, title, address, telephone number and e-mail address of a company representative responsible for filing the required annual compliance forms (Form CF-1) which will be used by the Town to determine if your company is compliant with the terms of the abatement application, including Form SB-1, and whether the abatement will continue or be terminated (the contact should be made aware of the compliance form's importance).

Name and Title: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

4. Location of property for which personal property tax abatement is being sought:

a) Street Address: _____

b) Tax Parcel Number(s): _____

Attach a legal description and area map of the proposed project location.

5. What is the amount of the most recent assessment attributable to (this information is available on the most recent property tax form) the equipment at the project location:

6. Has this project or tax abatement request been discussed with the President of the Whitestown Redevelopment Commission and/or President of the Whitestown Town Council? _____ Yes _____ No

7. Does your company currently conduct manufacturing operations, research and development, distribution and/or information technology research at this location? If so, how long has your company been at this location?

8. Does your business have other operations in Indiana? If so, please list the location of the other operations. _____

9. What is the size of the facility in which the equipment will be installed?

10. On a separate page, briefly describe the (i) product(s) manufactured, (ii) research and development conducted, (iii) the product distribution and/or (iv) the information technology conducted, by your company.

11. On a separate page, briefly describe the equipment to be installed by your company at the project location.

12. Has the new equipment been installed (Please note that State statute requires applicants to delay installation until after abatement has been granted)?

_____ Yes _____ No

13. What is the anticipated date for installation to begin? _____

14. What is the anticipated date for project completion? _____

15. Does the equipment being installed serve the same function as the equipment currently in place at the facility?

_____ Yes _____ No

a) If no, please describe the new functions to be performed by the new equipment:

- b) What is the estimated value of the equipment to be purchased for which personal property tax abatement is being requested? _____

16. Complete the following profile of the Company that will occupy the property for which tax abatement is being requested:

- a) Number of current full time permanent hourly employees by skill level (include average hourly wage rate excluding benefits and overtime)

Skilled _____ Average hourly wage rate for skilled positions _____

Semi-skilled _____ Average hourly wage rate for semi-skilled positions _____

Clerical _____ Average hourly wage rate for clerical positions _____

Salaried _____ Average salary (per hour) for salaried positions _____

TOTAL NUMBER OF EXISTING EMPLOYEES (permanent and full-time)

- b) Number of current part-time hourly employees by skill level (include average hourly wage rate excluding benefits and overtime)

Skilled _____ Average hourly wage rate for skilled positions _____

Semi-skilled _____ Average hourly wage rate for semi-skilled positions _____

Clerical _____ Average hourly wage rate for clerical positions _____

TOTAL NUMBER OF EXISTING EMPLOYEES (part-time)

- c) Approximate value of benefits for existing and new employees on a per hour basis (e.g. benefits are valued at an additional \$3.00 per hour, etc.) _____

- d) Summary of benefits for existing and new employees.

- e) Number of created full-time permanent hourly employees by skill level (include average hourly wage rate excluding benefits and overtime)

Skilled _____ Average hourly wage rate for skilled positions _____

Semi-skilled _____ Average hourly wage rate for semi-skilled positions _____

Clerical _____ Average hourly wage rate for clerical positions _____

Salaried _____ Average salary (per hour) for salaried positions _____

TOTAL NUMBER OF NEW EMPLOYEES (permanent and full-time)

- f) Number of created part-time hourly employees by skill level (include average hourly wage rate excluding benefits and overtime)

Skilled _____ Average hourly wage rate for skilled positions _____

Semi-skilled _____ Average hourly wage rate for semi-skilled positions _____

Clerical _____ Average hourly wage rate for clerical positions _____

Salaried _____ Average salary (per hour) for salaried positions _____

TOTAL NUMBER OF NEW EMPLOYEES (part-time)

- g) What is the total dollar amount to be spent on new salaries? _____

- h) Provide schedule for when new employee positions are expected to be filled.
- _____
- _____

17. On a separate page, please give a detailed description of what the impact on your business will be if the new equipment is not installed (e.g. loss of jobs, contract cancellations, loss of production, change in location, etc.).

18. What is the term of the tax abatement requested (maximum 10 years). _____

19. Attach a schedule of the proposed tax abatement percentages in each year (note, if the proposed tax abatement schedule is other than a traditional tax abatement schedule the Town may impose additional fees for consideration).

Example (note this is a traditional 10 year abatement schedule)

<u>Year</u>	<u>% of Assessed Value Exempt From Personal Property Taxes</u>
1	100%
2	95%
3	80%
4	65%
5	50%
6	40%

7	30%
8	20%
9	10%
10	5%

20. Complete the following schedule concerning the proposed personal property taxes to be abated and include on a separate page the worksheets for calculating the figures provided below:

I. Projected Current Conditions Without Abatement

A. Current Annual Personal Property Taxes: _____
 B. Projected 10-Year Total: _____

II. Projected Conditions With Abatement

A. Projected 10-Year Personal Property Taxes: _____
 B. Projected 10-Year Abatement: _____

III. Projected Total (Assumes Abatement Granted)

A. Total Amount Abated: _____
 B. Total Taxes to be Paid: _____

Note: Attach Worksheets

21. Which approvals or permits will be required for the project?

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|----------------------|-----------------------|
| (a) zoning change | (e) variance |
| (b) annexation | (f) special exception |
| (c) plat approval | (g) building permit |
| (d) development plan | (h) other _____ |

22. Will additional public infrastructure/facilities be required? If so, please explain in detail costs/funding source and schedule for construction.

23. For the proposed project, is the applicant requesting other incentives from the Town (e.g., tax increment financing, economic development revenue bond financing)? If so, please explain. _____

24. Please describe any community involvement/contributions the applicant has provided in the past and/or expects to provide in the future.

25. Will local suppliers and contractors be used in the construction/operation of the proposed project? If so, please explain. _____

26. Has the applicant previously been approved for economic development incentives from the Town (e.g., tax abatement, tax increment financing, economic development revenue bond financing)? If so, please explain and include information with respect to applicant's compliance with project representations made to the Town at the time the incentives were approved.

27. Is the applicant current on all of its payment obligations to the Town and the County (e.g., property taxes, utility (gas, water, sewer, electric) fees (such as capacity fees, monthly services charges), guaranties on any debt obligations, etc.)?

28. Does the proposed project take advantage of any "green" technology to reduce adverse environmental impact? If so, please explain.

CHECKLIST OF ATTACHMENTS:

_____	Application Fee (\$1,000)
_____	Completed Memorandum of Understanding
_____	Completed Form SB-1/PP
_____	Legal Description of Project Site
_____	Area Map of Project Site
_____	Description of (i) Product(s) Manufactured, (ii) Research and Development, (iii) Product Distribution and/or (iv) Information Technology Conducted, at Site
_____	Description of Equipment to be Installed at Site
_____	Description of Impact on Business if Equipment not Installed
_____	Worksheets for Abatement Calculation

I understand that if this request for property tax abatement is granted that I will be required to annually provide information to the Town with respect to compliance with the project description, job creation and retention figures (and associated salaries), investment, and other information contained in this application, including the Form SB-1/PP. I also acknowledge that failure to provide such information may result in a loss of tax abatement deductions.

Date

STATE OF _____)
)
COUNTY OF _____) SS:

_____, Notary Public
Residing in _____ County, _____

My commission expires: